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## NEAKNESS OF MEN

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OUR WAR SHIPS ABROAD.

Courtesies Which Their Comm

Most of the nations represented by war vessels in the naval parades here and at Norfolk are only returning courtesies repeatedly shown them by the pavy of the United States. This government pays its respects to foreign nations not only by means of diplomatic service, but through the ships of the navy, and every officer fifteen years in the service has taken part in Uncle Sam's proxy visits all over the world. The ship bearing our card of good will to foreign nations conveys the assurance of Uncle Sam's distinguished consideration to a dozen lands in the course of a three-years' voyage. If a seaport visited happens to be a capital, the captain, with as many of the officers as can be spared, the ship's music and a guard of a dozen marines, goes to call upon the sovereign. These friendly demonstrations are not confined to the sovereigns of great nations, but are often accorded to petty potentates to whom the United States sends no diplomatic representatives. The sultan of the Comoro islands a black polygamist of 'slave-catching instincts, was honored with a visit from an American man-of-war a few years ago, and the monarch's return call was made while his own gunboats were on the other side of the ship selling fruit to the sailors. It was the almost-naked sovereign of a Pacific group that begged an earthen soup-ladle from the ward-room of an American man-of-war upon one ceremonious visit, and upon next call were the ladle fantastically as a part of his scant costume. The proxy who transacts public business of ceremonious nature for the king of Siam received the officers of an American man-of-war with great pomp and momentarily embarrassed the captain by causing cigars to be passed round. As the proxy king did not take one the captain was in doubt whether to smoke in so august a presence until the young officer in attendance struck a light, when everybody followed his example, and case was restored.

When a seaport visited is not a capital, the ship sometimes pays Uncle easiness, he passed over to the point Sam's respects to the mayor. In that where he had last seen the man and case the captain goes to the city hall carefully examined every portion of with one or two officers as aides and listens to whatever polite speeches the mayor may have to make. Mayors usually return these visits in person, and are asked to drink with the captain. Sovereigns send a proxy, who is re-ceived with the president's salute of satisfied himself that there was no one twenty-one guns and served with as about, at least fifteen or twenty minmuch liquor as he can hold.

ports of China and Japan, and at Mon- passed a long distance from the point of the United States navy encounter who had dropped out of his range of those of other nations, and the ex- vision. change of courtesies is often lively. Reasoning with himself, he saw There are growing out of these hospi-talities odd stories of revenge, not be-board it could be nothing more or less cause of physical attack, but in return than premeditated suicide. That befor successful assaults upon the sobriety | ing the case, such a thing as rescue was of shipmates. The proverbial drinking practically out of the question. If he capacity of the Russians is true even of gave an alarm and no one was missing, their chaplains, but a ward room yarns he might be looked upon as a crank or are to be trusted, even Russian officers a lunatic. If it proved that a passenhave been forced to quit the table by ger was missing, there might be delays Uncle Sam's men. As to English officers, they have succumbed again and all of which would seriously disarrange again to the Yankees, and been sent up his plans. over the sides of their ships in a condition reflecting small credit upon her majesty's service.-N. Y. Sun.

SHE KEPT HIM YOUNG.

A Wife Who Believed in Keeping on the

"Do you see that man with the brinfled beard?" asked the man on the corner. "He is nearly eighty years of age, but he will never be an old man-never if he lives to be a hundred; that is, if turned to America, and among the first his wife lives, too." 'If his wife lives," repeated the oth-

er man. "What has that to do with "Everything! She just simply will

not allow him to get old. He has been an active business man for many years and some time ago he concluded he would retire and let his son take charge of affairs, but his wife, who is also advancing in years, promptly discouraged that "'What?' she exclaimed; 'stop work

and sit idle when you are only seventyfive? Who ever heard of such a thing? Your father lived to be ninety and he there might never have been even the never acted like that. You are too young a man to think of such non- man. sense; I will never consent to it.'

So he gave up the idea of retiring and is still in business. Not long ago cult it is to eradicate early impressions, he thought he would carry a cane and or to overcome prejudice acquired his wife took it as a personal offense. later in life. Our first impressions 'Carry's cane," she said; 'at your time of cling to us with a tenacity which no life! I'd be ashamed. Only seventy-five change of place or situation can deand have to be propped up already. It stroy. The home of our childhood, the is absurd. Folks will think I am old if friends and associations of our youthyou carry on this way."

He Doesn't Deserve Hele Wife-I want a spring bonnet. Husband-What kind of a one dear?

Wife-Any kind, so it's stylish and Husband-Very well, dear, You shall

-Heading Him Off. - Kickshaw-"Why do you write on both sides of the paper? No editor will print your articles prepared in that manner." Dimmick-"Quite likely; but then no editor will get a chance to write tariff edi-torials on the back of them."-Judge.

When Baby was sick, se gave her Casterfa. When she was a Child, she cried for Custoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she had Chi'dren, she gave them Casteria.

MISSING MEN.

Some of the Causes of Mysterious Disappearances.

It Is an Easy Matter to Drop Out of the Knowledge of One's Fellow-Men-An Instance in Which a Clew Was Accidentally Obtained.

It is not an unusual thing to take up one's daily paper and read that some man has gone quietly out of his house to the barber shop or news-stand or some other equally frequented place and has never since been heard from. It must indeed be an excellent reason that drives a man of average sound mind away from home and friends and causes him to expatriate himself voluntarily. Either he or his have done something for which there is a neces-

sity for concealment or absence, or his mind has become disordered. In many cases there are double lives, illegal relations or irregular practices that threaten the peace or safety of the individual and lead him to take himself away for the sake of his family and to avoid scandal. Financial irregularities are doubtless accountable for many of these things, but it is safe to assert that unlawful domestic relations are quite as often responsible as monetary conditions. Sometimes there are circumstances that appear to be slowly leading up to exposures, and these so work on a man's mind that he is glad to drop out of sight even at the risk of unhappiness to himself and his family and untold gossip and suspicion in the community where he has lived.

When one comes to think of it, writes N. S. Stowell, in New York Ledger, it is an exceedingly easy thing to out of the knowledge of one's fellowmen.

Some years ago a man was summoned to Europe on business of the utmost importance. Being greatly troubled by the nature of his errand he found it impossible to rest during the first night of the trip. Strolling back and forth shortly after midnight, he found himself weary and, leaning against some projecting portion of the rigging, was engaged in deep thought. The sea was slightly rough and he had braced himself to mind as little as possible the roll of the vessel. Standing in deep shadow and perfectly still he saw a man carelessly saunter down the length of the deck and lean against the railing. Shortly afterward he fancied he heard a splash in the water and, turning his head, the man was nowhere

For some unexplained and unex-plainable reason the impression grew upon the traveler's mind that that man had jumped overboard, but not being of a sensational disposition he reasoned with himself that it was highly improbable and that he must be standing somewhere on that portion of the deck. After a time the idea drove all other considerations from his mind and, filled with this strange unthat locality, but there was not so much as a trace of a human being to be found. He went back to his first position, took his bearings and started again to look the place over, but withutes must have elapsed, and as the ves-It is in the Mediterranean, the great sel was under full speed it must have tevideo and Rio Janeiro that the ships where it was when he last saw the man

and testimony and no end of confusion,

He finally resolved to say nothing unless inquiry was made, then from his objective point he would answer what questions he was able. Day after day he waited, but no excitement was observed on board, no report of an empty berth or unclaimed luggage reached his ears, and the vessel went into port without even the rumor of a man having been lost overboard. After two weeks the gentleman reitems he read was the disappearance of a business man, whose affairs, social and financial, were suspected of great irregularities. In size and figure the description tallied precisely with the mysterious individual who had

been seen leaning against the ship's rail. Of course, there was nothing to establish the identity of the two except the fact that the man had been last seen within twenty-four hours of the date of the steamer's sailing. But for the anxiety of mind to which this there might never have been even the

Early Impressions Are Lasting.

Every one must have found how diffiful days, form images in our remembrance which can never be wholly obliterated. The wanderer from his native country may in his adopted home meet new associations and acquire more wealthy connections and a higher standing in society than he held in the land which gave him birth, still the have a next spring one.-Detroit Free humble dwelling in which he was reared, the partners of his early joys and sorrows, the habits he was accus tomed to in youth, are all "green spots" in his reminiscences, continually watered from the fount of never

fairing memory. "As One Who, Parting." As one, who, parting, climbs at night the stair, And backward wafts a farewell kiss or word. And then ascends to regions where he is no

Nor answers he, if we address him there: So didst then leave this human fellowship, and from our number, thus informal slip, Where thou dost join no more our song and

Of higher things we know thou art awars, Of holier mission than thy mission here.
And so consoled, we miss thee, year by year,
And for that higher fellowship prepare.
Whitst thou to us art growing still more dear Than when the little time we had thee here.

SHARP PEOPLE OF CAPE COD.

How Some Speculators Got Ahead of the Town Government. A story of sharp legislative practive comes from Cape Cod. It also illustrates the cumbrous methods of town government on that old-fashioned peninsula. Some of the citizens of a certain town believed they saw a remunerative enterprise in raising herrings in a fresh-water pond near the sea, with which it had once been connected by a small creek now filled up. Thereupon they petitioned the legisla-ture for a license to use the waters of the pond, at the same time giving notice of their application to the local authorities, as required in such cases. The sleepy town fathers were so slow in calling a meeting to consider the question of assent or protest that they were anticipated by the passage of the bill. The meeting was held, nevertheless, and angry protests were put on record against giving to a few persons natural advantages that rightly belonged to and should be enjoyed by the many. Undismayed by the storm they had provoked, the gentlemen interest ed in the propagation of herring have petitioned the harbor and land commissioners for permission to reopen the old waterway from the sea.

REAL FIGHTING DERVISHERS. They Will Dare Death in the Struggle for

Their Faith. It is easier to turn a hungry tiger aside from his prey than a thoroughly excited dervish from his swoop on an enemy, says a military correspondent His half brother in fanaticism and creed, the Indian or Afghan Ghazi, is terrible, but the African and Arab dervish is superlatively awful, with an incurable delirium for his opponents gore. Howling and whirling dervishes, such as travelers are "specially conducted to see when visiting the east," are a comparatively harmless sort of lunatics compared with those types of the African bigots who, "converted" to Mahdism, burn to run amuck with the rest of unbelieving humanity. Once fairly bitten with the tarantula of Moslem sectarian Leal, the proselyte is consumed with the belief that the delights of the seventh or any number of heavens await him if he can only engage in sturdy, steady butchery of "infidels" of his own or any race. It is a matter of indifference to him if in the operation, while he sheathes his sword in his and his prophet's enemy. the latter is doing the same to him Quick and happy translation he holds as his sure reward.

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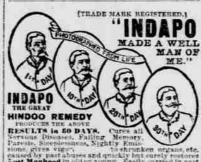
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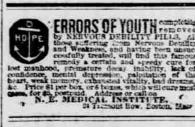
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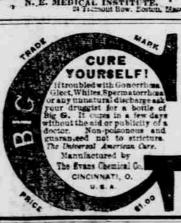
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contact with, says Arena. When it is Up an Eastern Congregation taken into consideration that the majority of the Chinese who come to this A church society of the standard grade, not many miles from the Newcountry belong to the lower or lowest ton, has completed a bandsome and class, their gentle manners are truly commodious house of worship, says the Boston Herald. The society has occusurprising. I have seen parties of welldressed Americans go into their stores, pied its house but a few times, but poke about among the goods, or wan- long enough to find it nice in every der into the clubroom, watch the way, except that when the full force games, handle the instruments of the of the electric lights is turned on it orchestra, and ask all sorts of quesmakes a disagreeable glare for the full tions concerning them. The intruders services of a Sunday evening. So the were treated as welcome guests, their head of the building committee talked questions answered and tea, confecwith the pastor and some of the leadtions and cigarettes offered them on ers, and they decided that it would be departure. Fancy the reception which practical and best to turn off the would be accorded to a party of uniswitches controlling the side lights in a letter in 1867, 'I begin my an dentified Chinese who attempted to during the body of the services, but to nual dissatisfaction of lecturing next take a look through one of our own have them on during the coming in fashionable clubs! In the restaurants and the singing, and then during the their conduct is the same. I imagine that if three or four Chinese were to church at the close. This plan was take it into their heads to dine at one tried for the first time Sunday evening. of our up-town restaurants they would The man at the switches was a little be subjected to many unpleasant re- naw, but he thought he could manage marks, probably some insolence from it. The introductory hymn was over, the waiters, and, if they should prove and the pastor arose in his place and as awkward in handling the knife and began: "I am the light of the world." fork as the average American is with Out went the side lights, leaving the the chopsticks, would cause considerworthy clergyman in a flood of radiable merriment among the other guests. ance from the lights just behind him. But in Mott street the practice of good His hearers smiled, some even tittered. preeding is different. Time and again | The pastor himself scarcely carried a I have seen some good-natured Chinese sober face through all the services let his own dinner grow cold, that he The end of the meeting was near, and might show some clumsy American all the congregation noticed how much stranger who was struggling with the better it was to have the electric lights chopsticks how to use those elusive shine only on their "light of the but useful implements. It is a very world." It was about time to pass the simple trick after it is learned, and boxes. That must be done in a full one which I have often found useful at light. The descons and the ushers other places than at a table in a Chinwere ready with their long handled ese restaurant. Once mastered, with solicitors. The clergyman read: "Let a couple of pencils one can improvise your lights so shine." On went the a very serviceable pair of tongs to pick full force of the electric side lights. up a bee or struggling worm, a bit of Then the audience would have actually hot metal or any such small object laughed out loud only it was altogether which one does not care to touch with too light. one's fingers. The first stick should

An Extraordinary Legal Document. One of the most remarkable legal of the second finger, the first joint of papers on file in the archives of the the thumb and the hand, just below the world is now in the national museum of Paris, labeled: "Sentence on a hog, executed by justice, in the copyhold of Clarmont-Avia, and strangled upon a be held almost exactly as a good pen- gibbet at that place." It is sealed with red wax, kept under a glass case, bears date June 14, 1494, and reads as steadied by that finger, to just between detestation and horror of this the second and knuckle joints. Chinese and in order to make an example, and meets are all served cut in small to satisfy instice, have declared.

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ing the above are the signatures of the

jurors and the prefect of the depart-

Lowell Disliked Lecturing.

professor for twenty years, but he

never liked lecturing. Prof. Norton

says that he was always scrupulously

attentive to his duties, but "the stated

hours and seasons of work were irk-

some to him and averse from his nat-

ural inclinations. 'I begin,' he says,

Wednesday. I cannot get used to it.

Too Much for the Parson.

to snuff, resolved to abandon the habit

Some little time afterward, during the

course of a sermon on another subject,

one of the elders sitting immediately

under the pulpit and within reach of

which so sorely tried the minister's

self denial that he stretched out his

hand and, selzing the box, thus ad-

the sermon that I so lately preached

against the vice of snuffing, how can

the lid), and this (opening the box),

and this (taking a copious pinch),"

and then handed the box back to its

-The parish register of Ramsey re-

cords that Maj. William Cromwell, a

coasin of the protector, died of the plague on the CSd of February, 1665,

and that he caught the infection by

wearing a coat, the cloth of which came

from London. It adds: "The tailor that

made the coat, with all his family, died

of the same terrible disorder, as did no

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work in the British Isles. -Jules Ferry and Gambetta were intimate friends, notwithstanding Ferry's cold, sareastic manner and Gambetta's fovial wave. One day Gambetta said to him: "My dear Jules, you are the best fellow in the world, but one requires to know it, for nothing about you indicates it. You create effect of a rose tree on which nothing but thorns grow." Jules Ferry, not to be outdoned in wit, retorted: "Yes; It is my misfor-

tune, but my roses grow inside -A writer recently criticised Ibsen's works in a St. Petersburg magazine, whereupon the government censor informed him that he must never again write another article in such a style, But why?" protested the writer. There is nothing in my article con and preached a sermon against it | trary to law." "That may be," said the censor. "But your interpretation of Ibsen is quite different from mine. This means that one of us is a fool-either I or you-and I will not stand the preacher, took a comfortable pinch. that I'-N. Y. Herald.

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